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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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BEAUTIFUL LIGHT OF PENTECOST

It is Indeed Dark to Many But Grows Brighter
and Brighter to Thousands of Others.

OUR EXPERIENCE WILL STAND THE TEST OF THE SCRIPTURE.

Some time ago I made mention of an article that appeared in a Chicago paper to which we expected later to prepare a reply. We have been waiting for an opportunity to give the matter our attention, and for our representatives to secure more subscribers so many thousands more could have the pleasure of reading the continued articles, and thus receive the instructions that may result from such a course.

We do not care to engage in any controversy for the sake of controversy alone, neither is it our desire to take up this matter in these columns to make a display of our skill to meet the arguments of our opposers. The only object we have in the matter, and the course we are pursuing, is to present the beautiful light of Pentecost, and as much as possible counteract the influence that naturally arises from such articles as this one referred to above.

The light of Pentecost has come, and it is our duty, as lovers of this beautiful truth, to give our lives, if needs be, in its defense. Our Savior gave His life for this sacred truth for which the Church of God stands, and the Holy Apostles, whom we are bent on following so closely, gave their lives in its defense, and thousands of others have done the same thing.

Much is said now of patriotism and going to war in defense of our beautiful country, but we have a higher and nobler calling than this. Many may not agree with this statement, and count us foolish for the bold stand we are taking, but we would rather take our place by the side of Peter and Paul and shed our life blood in defense of the gospel they preached, than to stoop to a position by the side of Washington and Putnam and be crowned with all the honors the American people could bestow.

I make this statement, not because I honor the fathers of our country any the less, but the fathers of our gospel and the Church of God the more. Thousands are rushing forward at the call of our government and bravely volunteering their service to defend our nation's flag and honor, but while there may not be so many volunteering to serve in defense of Christ's gospel and His beautiful Church, there are some noble men and women standing ready to shed their last drop of blood before they will compromise or sur-

render.

If the Gospel of the Kingdom goes to the ends of the earth, and it surely will, it will have to be carried by brave men and women possessed with the same martyr spirit as their predecessors who fought unto death, fixed the standard and sealed it with their blood.

There could be no better time than now to revive the old hymn and sing it with no uncertain sound:

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

Must I be carried to the skies,
On flow'ry beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

Then when we have finished
The first three verses let us bravely straighten up and sing with all our might as we give the answer:

Sure I must fight if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord:
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,

Supported by thy Word.

And this Word is the very cause, and the only cause of our standing so firmly and defiantly for the beautiful light of Pentecost and the Church of God. We have it in our minds and have the experience described by the blessed Word we love so well.

These are the last days when strong men are so wrought upon by misfortune or fear that they break down and weep like babies. Things are occurring rapidly now. But the Word of God stands just as sure and steadfast as in the days of the apostles, no matter if people are arrayed against it. And we have it instilled in us both by knowledge and experience. We have accepted the new covenant in its fullness until we know the meaning of the apostle when he repeats a prophecy of Jeremiah (Chapter 31:31-34) and says, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." Heb. 8:10.

The beautiful light of pentecost is indeed dark to many, but grows brighter and brighter to thousands of others. There is the reason for the wide separation between us and the many

who are groping along in darkness. They pity us because they think we are weak minded, and we pity them because we know they are in the dark. We have accepted the covenant and stand for it we must.

The article referred to in the Chicago paper is entitled thus: "Is the modern Tongues Movement Scriptural?" Of course the writer proves to his own satisfaction that it is not, and the worst of it is, that, while doing this, he has poisoned thousands of minds against what is really right, and many will not even take the time to search the Bible for themselves to see "whether those things were so," or not, and such of course will be a detriment to their eternal salvation.

As for ourselves we are not afraid to meet any attack that is made and any thing that is published against us only serves to make us stronger in the way because we know our experience will stand the test of Scripture. And any thing that is Scriptural is satisfying and soothing.

We are gradually approaching a crisis, and it is our purpose to arm ourselves (1 Peter 4:1) and be prepared for any emergency that may present itself. We are a separate people and all others that oppose us will combine their forces against us to put down the truth, but then is when the work will thrive the most, and multitudes will be convinced of the truth.

But when this crisis is reached, "Who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17.) It becomes necessary, therefore, for us to be so rooted and grounded in faith, knowledge and experiences--that we will remain unshaken and unmoved. All these things that we are having to meet now are only helpers to prepare us for the greater oppositions that are to follow. We have had but little trouble yet, but what we have had has only been a blessing in disguise.

While the Rev. S. K. Wheatlake in the Chicago paper is doing his best to put us down and out, and class us as reprobates, he does not know the Lord is turning his attack into a blessing to us. I guess if he did he would regret the statements he has made. He addresses himself Urbanna, Ill., where some of our people are holding up the standard, and I guess he has gotten stirred up about the matter and he feels he has to do something.

I will here quote from him just as he commences his article:

"The new movement," says Mr. Wheatlake, "among religious people known as the 'Tongues Movement' as far as its being Scriptural in its line of procedure may be concerned is one of the most disjointed things in vogue." If this brother were true

authority, and what he says is always a "thus saith the Lord" statement, this first expression would be strong enough to daze almost any of us. But we do not consider him anything above a common man, and is only giving his judgment. Then, as he has never had the experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, of course he is not a competent judge. And if this is the case, then just because he says the "tongues movement is one of the most disjointed things in vogue" does not make it true.

His next statement follows:—"No one who believes in God doubts that He can cause any one to speak in any language He has made, but if He does, it will always be in harmony with the rules He has laid down in His Word, which, by the way, very carefully regulates what is called the 'gift of tongues.'"

Now, before we go any farther I wish to call attention to the fact of his incompetency as a judge on this particular subject. He proves this at the very outset. We admit that the rules given in the Word should be closely followed, but the first thing Mr. Wheatlake does is to confuse the speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance with the "gift of tongues." In this he has already proved himself without the proper knowledge to be a judge upon whom we can depend. I agree with the gentleman that there are certain regulations given in connection with the "gift of tongues," but please, brother, I advise you to be very careful in applying those regulations and rules to the tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, lest you find yourself fighting against God (Acts 5:39), and disobeying the command of Paul at Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption," and at 1 Thes. 5:19, "Quench not the Spirit."

Now Bro. Wheatlake, listen a moment: Suppose the Spirit was to come on you to speak in tongues as He was giving utterance, and you were to exert yourself sufficiently to force Him to stop, or prevent Him from having possession of your tongue, wouldn't that grieve that blessed dove-like Spirit? And if you should clench your teeth and refuse His utterance wouldn't you be quenching the Spirit?

There is no body that reads the Bible that will try to say that the disciples on the day of pentecost did not "speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." "But suppose that Peter should have held up his hand on that memorable day and said, "Hold on brethren, wait a moment Mary, there must be some regulations about these 'tongues,' before we proceed."

But that is the very thing that Mr. Wheatlake would have done if he had been with the 120 on that special day. Imagine this American gentleman setting himself up against the fishermen

of Galilee who had been with Jesus for three years, and walking boldly upon the platform of that upper room and rapping heavily with his gavel for order. Anybody can see the inconsistency of such a thing when they look at it from a Bible standpoint. I do not know of any one that would take his word for this in preference to Dr. Luke that gave us the record concerning the 120 that "were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4.) The word "all" means all, and there were about 120 there and all were filled with the Holy Ghost, and of course it is plain that all began to speak with other tongues at the same time.

Now Mr. Wheatlake, regulate that, will you, and make Paul's regulations apply here, and have one to speak at a time, and then not more than three. (1 Cor. 14:27.) Now let Peter talk a while, then John and then James; and every other one, and specially Mary and the women must not talk in tongues at all, because, under the regulations given by Paul, that Mr. Wheatlake would have applied to the "Tongues movement," the women have to keep silence. (1 Cor. 14:34.) Now brother W., look up and take a good breath and smile right good and do just the very thing you want us to do. Here, friends, is what he says next, "With an honest man who believes the Bible a 'thus saith the Lord' is the end of all controversy." I agree with this statement, and that is just the reason I got into this way, and the very reason I do not agree with this gentleman's teachings in regard to all tongues being the gift of tongues, hence, for all of them to be regulated by the "regulations" given by Paul at the two chapters referred to by him.

(To be continued)

Branford, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I would be so glad if I could tell the world about the Savior. He has been so good to me.

January 7, 1917, I was saved from my sins, and about two weeks ago I was sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus; but I had to quit tobacco and clean up inside and outside before I received the blessing.

I now have peace in my heart, and in my home.

Your brother in Christ,
J. E. Odom.

Notice.

The Beulah Heights, Atlanta Ga., camp meeting will be held June 21 to July 1. Everybody welcome. Visitors will take the Soldiers' Home car, get off at Ormewood Court where a sign will direct you to the ground.

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EDITORIAL.

I hope my correspondants will not think I am purposely neglecting them if they do not always get a reply immediately.

We have the equipment, and we hope to soon be fully prepared to do any kind of printing that will be wanted by our people, on short notice.

Some have written to know if we can print song ballads. O, yes, beloved, that is easy done. We have already turned off one job of that kind for a brother that was well pleased.

No matter where you live or who you are, whether man or woman, if you love the Lord you ought to stir up a revival meeting in your neighborhood this summer and try to get some body saved.

V. A. Bishop and Clarence Guire who are doing good revival and pastoral work near Charlotte, Tenn., were arrested last week for preaching the signs and allowing a serpent brought into the meeting; but when they were brought to trial the court could do nothing but release them. Thank God for the good victory.

While I was writing these editorials now late at night, the phone rang and when I answered, central said, "Chattanooga wants you." I said, "All right, I am here." Presently a coarse voice was heard, and, behold it was the voice of M. S. Lemons. He said he was on his way to Coffeeville, Miss. for a campmeeting. How glad I was to hear that good voice again! He told me some good things and I said, "Praise the Lord," and when he said "Good bye" I quickly placed my lips close to the transmitter and kissed at him. Then he was off and gone. He will be back in Ga. in a few days. D. V.

There are calls and calls now, for Church of God preachers. They are wanted at many many places. Oh, that God will send more laborers into His harvest!

There is no time for idleness now. And our preachers are on the run, and some are fast wearing their lives away, but they do it with gladness and joy as they spend their time and strength for others. Jesus came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. To be like Him we must do the same. Hallelujah!

An Explanation.

To My Friends Everywhere:

In reply to the many inquiries made of late concerning my whereabouts, what I am doing, etc., I am glad to say that I am not backslidden as has been reported in some places, but I am still holding on to God, and have the satisfaction of knowing that the Comforter abides within.

I have never claimed perfection, but ever since I was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, I have been striving to overcome every imperfection and bring my entire being into perfect submission and obedience to God.

When I was born of God I was no more a full grown Christian than I was a full grown man when I came into the world. In my weakness and imperfection I have made mistakes, but Jesus did not turn me down and denounce me as a hypocrite, but in His tender mercy and love, He has covered my mistakes with His own blood, and gives me peace and joy in my soul. Bless His dear name! I want to grow in grace and in knowledge until I reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Since I started in this way and especially during the past year, I have met with many discouragements. Many times Satan has suggested that I give up the race; but instead of giving up, I am determined to press on as never before.

I am not on the field this year because of my financial condition. When I began preaching five years ago, I was in debt; and while people have been good to help me, I have never received much more than my railroad fare (my work required a good deal of travel). Having a large family, my debts of course increased from year to year until something had to be done; so I came home from the Assembly and went to work.

If Jesus tarries until I get free from debt, I expect to do my best during the remainder of my life for this lost world, but I can not go now, and I request that no one call for me until I get free; for all I can do is to cry and ask the dear Lord to send them somebody else.

I would like to ask my friends who have lately written to me, to not think hard of me if I do not write to them personally, remember I am working hard and postage is scarce.

Your unworthy brother,
W. S. Gentry.

Missionary Day.

Tomorrow, May 13, is the day for every church to take up a collection for foreign missionary work. This should not be forgotten or neglected. If for any cause it cannot be done on this special day, it should be done as soon thereafter as possible.

THE LAST DAYS

Out of the throne a great voice came down
Unto a world all swelled with renown.
It was clear and distinct, as full of despair
As the sound of fire bells in the night air.

The world had been careless and gay
Intent on its business and pleasure each day.
No time then for prayer or religious devotion,
But hurry! hurry!! hurry!!! kept them in motion.

The cities were decked with myriads of lights,
And the people by night viewed wonderful sights.
"Up-to-date," was the cry, "keep up with the times!"
Even tho' in the church they have Mother Goose rhymes.

The judgments from heaven that had long been delayed
Now descended on mortals and there was no aid;

As a mighty volcano for centuries dead
Began to belch forth from its fiery head.

The towering "scrapers" with walls to the skies
Were hurled to the ground before wondering eyes;
The water mains bursted all over the town
And the fires that started could not be kept down.

The mountains so solid now skipped like rams,
And the hills were driven like little lambs.
The isles of the sea too numerous to mention
No where could be found after all this commotion.

The great men of earth so brave and so bold,
So God-defying, pleasure-loving, had often been told

Of judgment by God reserved for such knaves
Now hurried in autos and afoot for the caves.

The wires were down, the steel rails were twisted,
All traffic was halted, and commerce desisted;
The shows were now closed, the pool rooms deserted,

The dance hall abandoned, the girls no more flirted.
The cards and the bottles, the silver and gold
Were also discarded by the young and the old;
Amusements forgotten all! pleasures now gone,
Each person left dreary and sad and alone.

The ships out at sea went down with their freight,
The merchants now ruined resigned to their fate,
What awful commotions as these judgments fell
On a world madly rushing down into hell!

So wake up, my brother, the time is at hand,
And true servants of God all over the land
Are telling the people both far and near
That the coming of Jesus is almost here.

Be filled with the Spirit and ready to go
In a chariot of fire and robes white as snow;
For kingdoms and crowns await all the faithful
Who overcome sin and fight off the devil.

—L. H. Juillerat.

THOUGHTS ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

L. H. Juillerat.

Everyone with the love of God burning in his heart has a desire to spread the glorious gospel. If he can't go in person he can give something and pray for those on the field. See Heb. 13: 16, and Matt. 9: 37, 38. Tithes and offerings should be a joyful part of our religion.

In the Jewish dispensation we see little concerning foreign missions (one instance being that of Jonah bringing a great city to repentance), however in the Kingdom Age the Jews seem to be great missionaries. Zech. 8: 23.

But beloved, NOW is OUR time. Jesus said, "Go ye into ALL the world;" are we doing it? If you can't go, let someone else go. How? By turning loose in the right channel some of that money. We say we love God; let us prove it then by letting Him use our pocket book as well as our tongue.

If six thousand members of the church would lay by only five cents each week, we would have over fifteen thousand dollars

(\$15,000) each year for missions! In how many countries then we could have workers! Then when the yellow, red, brown and black would mingle their voices with the white brethren in the Assembly, what a thrill of holy joy would go through our hearts, and God would honor as never before!

Some will cry "Hard times!" Suppose you lived in Guatemala where an ordinary day's wages will buy only one spool of thread, or one yard of calico, or two and one half pounds of rice, or one and one half pounds of meat, or one quart of oil; a month's wages will buy a change of working clothes, a year's wages will buy an ordinary horse! Our expenses will not count at the judgement. Now, honest, aren't we trying to get to heaven as cheap as we can? Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him DENY himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

Europeans are learning self denial at terrible cost. More money is spent for war by a single nation in ONE DAY than all America gave last year for foreign missions. Their treasures, their luxuries, their sons

they freely lay on the altar of war.

More young men followed the flag from Cambridge and Oxford alone, than are asked for to evangelize the world.

This is not the time to lay up treasures in banks, stocks and bonds. Turn loose! Unload! The war god may get it if the true God doesn't, then it will be lost. Lay up treasures in heaven; give until you can feel it, then shout all you please. The windows of heaven will be open and you will not be so "dry." Glory to Jesus!

An Indian boy once walked one hundred fifty miles over mountains for tracts to take home. OUR brothers are perishing; the world is dying for the gospel; shall we help them?

"What if your own were starving, fainting with famine pain, and you should know where golden grow, rich fruits and ripened grain; would you hear their wail as a thrice told tale and turn to your feast again?"

What if your own were darkened without one cheering ray, and you alone could show where shone the pure sunshine of day; would you leave them there in dark despair and sing on your sunlit way?

What if your own were prisoned far in a hostile land and the only key to set them free were held at your command; would you breathe free air while they stifled there, and wait and fold your hands?"

Jesus said of one: "She hath done what she could." Have you?

"The work that centuries might have done, must crowd the hour of setting sun." Soon the night cometh when no man can work.

Dorathy, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for salvation through the precious cleansing blood of Jesus.

We have just closed a good meeting at Dorathy, W. Va. I don't know just how many were saved and sanctified, but nine were baptized with the Holy Ghost, three reclaimed, and several were healed.

A baby was healed of infantile paralysis. An Italian lady who had been sent home from the hospital as incurable, was healed and went to the church that night. Several others were healed.

In this meeting we caught three preachers, one of whom is a colored woman who had been preaching sanctification, but she came to where we were staying and received the Holy Ghost. Praise God! His sheep are hearing His voice and are coming to the fold.

The church was set in order with eleven members, one deacon, and two evangelists. Brother Middlebrook will serve the church as pastor.

At the last service we had the Lord's supper, and washed the saints' feet. The presence of the Lord was manifested in our midst. The saints shouted, danced and talked in tongues. Glory to Jesus for victory!

Your brother and sister,
W. M. Rumler and Wife.

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More Enthusiastic Interest is Needed

SAM C. PERRY

Those who believe that we are living in the last days just before the coming of Jesus, and that to meet Him in peace it is necessary to possess the whole-hearted free Salvation from all sin, such as is set forth in the New Testament, should certainly be full of enthusiasm and courage about this matter.

If we are slumbering and careless in our Christian lives who will believe that we mean anything by professing to look for the appearing of our Savior to reward His faithful ones?

The foolish virgins must surely have failed to have the influence for good over others that lovers of the Bridegroom should have. Certainly so, because they were not personally obedient to the Master and enthusiastic in His cause. They were not right with Him, although professing to believe Him and possess His true faith.

The foolish virgins are more interested in their farm, business or personal welfare. They have too many other things on hand to make a full believer. They live too near the earth and its affairs. Too many things cluster about their heart, they can not get cut loose.

There is something between them and secret prayer, or family prayer or Bible study, or the study of other good books or papers. There are so many duties about home and in their daily life that they find it difficult to get to prayer meeting or Sunday school, and in fact they are generally late at whatever they undertake for the Lord, much they would like to do is always in the future and they never get to it.

A cow or two or a few chickens or some little cares keep them from many a good service, perhaps, to make a plain statement we should say that "where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Is it not a fact that this is the secret of the whole thing. It is work, work, work, and hurry, hurry, hurry but some of these days when your lovely son or daughter is almost dead and not saved you will wake up to the fact of your neglect or slumber.

Perhaps God has already waked you up and you made some vows and eased yourself off and fell back to slumber again. Some of these days you will wake up when son or daughter, husband or wife will be out of reach. It will be too late then to pray. Too late to repent of your folly. God has been good to you, but remember dearly beloved that your days of mercy are numbered, the end is approaching. Do you want to meet it in the condition that you are in now?

Would you be willing for Jesus to come and find you as prayerless as you are now? And as disinterested as you are about your children or loved ones?

How about Jesus coming and finding you encouraging your children in the way of the world with all its pride, love of money, pleasure etc. etc? yes and even allowing them to run over your parental authority as though it were a small matter. If God shall bring men into Judgement

for disobeying other commands he surely will judge them for neglecting home discipline. How parents can profess a high standard of religion and at the same time neglect their children is more than we can understand. The judgement will surely reveal the death of their spirituality.

There should be a deeper interest in the work of the Lord, a more regular attendance upon all its services, a more enthusiastic interest in the spiritual welfare of the church and the salvation of the unsaved.

There should be more earnest praying, praying in secret, prayer in the home, prayer every where.

In fact there should be a greater heart interest in all the things of Jesus, His church, coming, and kingdom.

So many signs of His coming on every hand should fill us with enthusiasm. We should be on tiptoe, so to speak, as we see the day approaching, looking with blessed expectation to the glorious manifestation of the Son of God. The things of earth will take out our spiritual life and courage, let us then get the victory over them, get the world behind us, and then we may be able to lay out all our ransomed powers in the service of God, and be found robed and ready, and carrying some sheaves with us to meet our Savior.

HOLINESS IS BECOMING

Emma Henson.

"Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever."—Ps. 93:5.

This divine recipe for beauty has been recorded for ages, but the majority of people have been so busy trying to make themselves attractive, they have neglected the "one thing needful."

Men and women study fashion plates, shop windows, magazines, and spend a good deal of time before mirrors trying to find something becoming.

In order to find something really becoming, when about to make a purchase, one usually decides the following points: It must fit; it must be the proper shape; it must be a desirable color; it must feel comfortable; it must be reasonable in price; it must be good material, and it must be beautiful.

Jesus Christ by His death on the cross has purchased a personal experience of holiness which will exactly fit whomsoever will seek and obtain it.

It fit the disciples, and though they were ignorant and unlearned men, people "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Holiness was so becoming to Peter, and fit him so perfectly that on the day of Pentecost three thousand souls gladly received his word and were baptized.

Notice, too, that holiness proved very becoming to Stephen, a deacon of the church whose face shone as an angel while he

with his last breath prayed for the anti holiness crowd who were stoning him to death.

All shapes of garments do not become all people, but vary according to the individual. So God has different sized, and shaped talents for His people, according to the ability of the individual. Holiness gladly assents to God's will.

Holiness is a satisfactory color. God has a "whiter than snow" experience which beautifies the face with a soft sweet radiance that is indescribable. David saw this beauty was more than "skin deep" when he said "The King's daughter is all glorious within."

After having passed through the Calvary of crucifixion, how good and comfortable one feels under a red-hot holiness sermon! The heart burns within when the scriptures are opened to the understanding. In sickness or in health, at home or abroad, holiness beautifully adjusts itself to circumstances.

"This is our REASONABLE service that we may prove that good and perfect will of God." God has commanded us to be holy. (1 Peter 1:16.) "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." (Heb. 12:14.)

The experience of holiness is durable. "Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, FOREVER." "The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies might serve him without fear, in HOLINESS and righteousness before him ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE." (Luke 1:73-75.)

Holiness is beautiful. It takes away the ugly tempers, and keeps us in perfect peace all through the trials of this life. It is becoming in death; it will take us to meet Jesus, who will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Hallelujah!

Beecher, III.

To the Saints Everywhere:

We are now living in a German town, away from any of the Church of God people, but Jesus is with us, and we still have salvation.

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed us during the last few days. Our baby was very sick with a severe cold and cough. One morning she became so lifeless we thought she couldn't live, but we prayed and trusted God, and she is well today.

One lady came over and wanted to send some medicine to us for her, and asked me if I would give it; I of course answered no; she then inquired if I were a Christian Scientist; I answered, "No, but we are trusting in God."

Though we have not the pleasure of going to church, the Lord is the same and we must trust Him. Many, many times we have gone to Him and He has healed us; I am not ashamed to tell it. I am so glad I learned to trust Him.

I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God in the highest!

Please pray for us that we may stay true and humble at the foot of the cross, and ever do the Master's will.

Your sister in Christ,
Saffie Patton.

Green Turtle Cay, Abaco.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to tell you of the meeting conducted here by Brother W. H. Cross.

In the beginning of the meeting it seemed that the power of the Lord was present and as the services went on it increased. Six were saved, four received the Holy Ghost, five followed the Lord in water baptism, and nine were added to the church.

Brother Cross is a loving, humble brother, and a good encouraging overseer. The saints and sinners, too, love him very much.

Sisters Griffets and Jeffords were good helpers in the services; we appreciated them very much and pray God's richest blessings upon them as they go.

The enemy is raging against us. The magistrate is trying to stop our services; he has made reports to the authorities in Nassau, saying that we are disturbing the community. Pray that we may be delivered from our enemies.

We desire the prayers of the Church of God everywhere for the Bahama Islands, because these are hard places, the enemy has a strong hold upon the people working his will in them; But there are some here who have started in this way and are determined to go through.

May God bless all the saints scattered abroad.

Your brother in Christ,
Hartley B. Roberts.

Port St. Joe, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The gospel is needed in this place; there are many hungry hearts, and we are so anxious for some one to come and conduct a tent meeting for us.

The poorer class is being almost starved by the rich, but we know Jesus loves us, and we are looking to Him for help, and praying that He will send somebody to preach the gospel to us.

Your sister in Christ,
Eva Williams.

SIGNS

W. D. Collins.

There are people today who will be convinced by signs following the believers, and there are people who will not believe regardless of any amount of signs, wonders, and miracles being wrought.

Jesus says, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Now it is our business to believe, and His business to take care of the signs; we have nothing to do with His part of the work; it is ours to believe and obey.

Some of the saints seem to think when they are baptized with the Holy Ghost, that they are obliged to take up serpents, handle fire, etc; therefore they go ahead of the Spirit, try to do these things in their own strength, get defeated, and bring reproach upon the cause of Christ.

When the Lord wants you to perform a miracle He will let you know about it; He will operate through you just as He

spoke through you when you received the Holy Ghost.

The prophets of old were "moved upon" by the Holy Ghost to perform the work they accomplished, but were invariably defeated when they took things in their own hands.

We need more wisdom, faith, love and energy that we may reach perfection. "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Copes, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have been engaged in the conflict against the powers of darkness at this place for four weeks. The country is stirred.

When we first came people were afraid of us; as soon as the benediction was pronounced they would get right out, giving us no time to shake hands with them; but about two weeks later they became quite friendly and now we have to put out the lights in order to get them to leave.

We began the meeting in the school house but they put us out and a sinner who owned a house near by, took the partitions out of it and gave us permission to hold services there.

People are coming from towns several miles away, Rowsville, Cordova, and Bamburg. They want to build a church; one man says he will give the ground, others say they will build it.

We will close here tomorrow night and go to Bamburg, and on to new places in South Carolina where holiness has never been preached.

Several have been saved at this place and when we come back again this summer we hope to establish the church.

Please pray for us.

Your brother,
W. H. Rogers.

Manatee, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have my face set like a flint toward heaven; I mean to get there regardless of the cost.

Brother J. E. Holmes has conducted a meeting for us that has done us a great deal of good. Some of us thought we were getting along pretty well but as the word of God began to cut its way into our hearts, giving us a full view of ourselves, we began to see some worldly things we had to lay down.

Dear friends, it seems to me that if we ever reach perfection we must arouse ourselves and be doing something.

I love the people of God better than I ever did before, but my heart goes out to God continually for more of His love—the divine love of God. I know it will take a soul filled with the love of God to be able to endure the things that are coming upon us.

Pray for me, please.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. B. A. Carter.

Baptizing.

There is to be a baptizing service at Eldorado, Ill., Sunday May 20, 1917.

We are expecting great blessings from the Lord.

John O. Yates, Clerk.

Bonham, Texas.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:
May God bless every one of you just all you can stand! Oh how we would like to see you!
We are hearing of wars and rumors of wars, but we have no time to spend with the war among the nations, for we are already engaged in one of the greatest battles that has ever been waged. We are fighting against sin and Satan; we have a Captain who has never lost a battle.

When we came to the big state of Texas there was no Church of God here, but through His grace there is one here now with more than thirty members; and the signs are following here just as they do in the other states.

The devil is out here, too, and of course when the signs begin to follow, he does not like it very well.

Recently while at Lyra, Texas, a big rattle snake was brought in and handled by perhaps fifteen saints. One man, for some cause best known to God, was bitten, and his arm swelled. The sheriff arrested me, charging me with "Assault; with attempt to murder."

As I rode along with the sheriff and attorney the Lord wonderfully blessed me, and the Spirit spoke through me.

Though my wife was left with strangers she just praised God. She and Sister Asher told the sheriff that if he did put me in jail they would preach the signs right on.

I was taken to Strawn, Texas, and kept in custody (my wife thought I was locked up in jail when she wired Brother Tomlinson) until a bond of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was made.

I am to appear before the court Sept. 3, 1917. So dear ones pray that God may be glorified.

You see I was arrested for preaching the Word.

There is one church here but no pastor; they need a pastor to take care of them. I would be glad to hear from some competent minister who would like to come and take the pastorate. The church will pay expenses.

Much love to you all. Pray for us.

Your unworthy brother,
Geo. T. Brouayer.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I delight in testifying for Jesus. I know it is by our testimony and the blood of the Lamb that we are overcomers.

I heard holiness preached about one year ago, but at that time I was an orthodox Baptist, and believed everybody wrong except the Baptists; consequently I was hard to convince. But when I was thoroughly convinced, I accepted the truth and am walking in the light.

I have the evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost because I spoke, sang, and preached in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and I am glad today that I am in the narrow way.

It seems to me that at this time there is a lack of consecration among the people of God. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation,

a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

To succeed in business one must devote himself to his particular line. So it is with the Christian, if he serves God successfully and acceptably, he must be consecrated to God; he must devote his entire being, his mental, physical and financial ability to the service of Christ, to the advancement of His cause. Nothing short of this can be called consecration.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

I desire your prayers that I may be a faithful servant.

W. A. McMikle.

Catchings, Miss.

Dear Editor:

I have been thoroughly convinced that the Church of God is scriptural, and that its ministers preach the whole truth. I have heard two of them preach and they taught me more Bible in one sermon than I had heard in a year.

I praise the Lord for Brothers Davis and Price who held a meeting here. The Lord sent special messages through Brother Price which were interpreted by Brother Davis.

I was anxious to know if this were really for us now, I asked the Lord to make it known to me by sending an interpreter here. He has done all that I asked Him to do that I might not be misled. I now believe with all my heart, and am so anxious to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

I want to spend the rest of my days fighting sin and the devil. Pray earnestly for me that I may soon be equipped to go to the harvest field.

May God bless and fill every hungry heart and forbid that any honest, person reject this doctrine, for it is all that will suffice in these perilous times.

Your sister,
Annie W. Tucker.

Armathwaite, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Two weeks ago, Brother Yates, three workers and I came to this place to preach the gospel. The people were astonished at the doctrines of the three experiences, regeneration, sanctification and the Baptism with the Holy Ghost; but as we lifted up the standard God gave the victory and I am glad to say that nineteen received the Holy Ghost and five were sanctified.

The meeting closed last night, but there were many hungry souls at the altar crying for salvation.

This is a new field and there are many good people here. Nearly all who attended the meeting say they want the experience.

I will stay here and do the best I can for the flock until Brother Lee can get here.

Pray for us that we may be humble and true till Jesus comes or calls.

Your brother,
W. F. Green.

Sanderson, Fla.

To the Saints Everywhere—Greetings:

Early in January we arrived in Baker Co., Fla., where we found that the doctrine of holiness had never been taught, and the people were very much like the disciples at Ephesus who had never heard of the Holy Ghost.

Of course we met opposition, but "He is faithful that promised," and has been blessing His Word. After much praying, fasting and preaching, the Lord has saved many people; about twenty have been sanctified and eighteen have received the Holy Ghost.

Brother Sam. C. Perry came here in March and set the church in order with fourteen members. It is wonderful how the Lord is manifesting His power; the saints are on fire for God.

When we first came we of course began teaching divine healing along with other truths, and were sent for to pray with a young man in the last stages of tuberculosis, who had been given up to die by three doctors. He had not been able to sit up in bed for seven weeks, and looked almost like a skeleton. All of the members of the family were unsaved but turned to the Lord for help as a last resort.

We fasted three days before going to pray for the young man, and when we prayed he arose, dressed himself, and walked about the house. From that time he began eating anything he desired, and in a short time was out at work. Now he is plowing and doing other farm work, giving God the praise. He has been saved and is indeed a living monument to the power of God. Several members of his family have been filled with the Holy Ghost.

The Lord also instantly healed a baby that had been burned almost to death. As we prayed the fire came out of the flesh, and it did not cry again with its burns.

Several others have been healed, for which we give God all the glory.

I would be so glad for some good preacher or workers to come and help us this summer; I just cannot fill all the calls. Almost every church and school house are begging for a meeting; we have been to several and they are begging us to come again.

As Brother Perry has not been able to send us a pastor, I do not feel like leaving the flock too long in order to evangelize. If anyone feels led of the Lord to come, he will find an open field with open homes, and hearts hungering for the gospel.

We ask an interest in your prayers. I feel so much that we are in the very last days, and we need to huddle closer together and be hidden away with Christ in God. I can't believe that we are to be engaged in the conflict much longer, so we should be making the most of our wonderful opportunities, and help every soul within our reach.

I am daily listening for the cry, "Behold He cometh," and I find my own heart responding, "Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus."

Let us press on a little farther; the prize is just ahead.

Anyone desiring to write us,

address Sanderson, Fla., in care of H. Bowman.

Yours in Jesus, our Redeemer and coming King,
Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

Johnson City, Tenn.

To the Family of God Everywhere—I submit to you this brief report:

On Dec. 30, 1916, I began preaching at Bethany about the family of God. Dec. 31, we had a watch meeting. Just before midnight I began preaching, and was preaching when the New Year came in, but did not get the sermon finished until the next service at eleven o'clock.

We began the work in His name and the Holy Ghost brought out things new and old and uncovered things that were hidden. "Every secret thing shall be made known."

One man became offended at the exposition of sin and took the floor in defense of his friends and said many hard things about the writer, but nothing harsh was done or said in return and the next morning the Holy Ghost led to the convicting of the guilty one and the man that defended him is now my friend. Thank God for a desire to make friends of our enemies.

Another brother who was being tossed about by the doctrines of men, says that he has heard enough to establish him in the truth.

One day when I was pronouncing the benediction, I was led to ask God to baptize Brother Dave Jones with the Holy Ghost; the Lord answered my prayer by throwing me on the floor, which thing was very impressive to him, and after three days he received the Holy Ghost. The people who were present had the same witness as the six men who went with Peter up to the house of Cornelius.

Thank God, a greater than Solomon is here to uncover every man's life and he will have to repent and confess or go down with the guilty.

Some are really very dirty and do not know it. Did you know that some very old folks, both naturally and spiritually, need some gospel soap and water. We need some more fathers.

Your little brother,
W. G. Anderson.

Morrison, N. C.

Dear Editor and Saints:

I am a backslider, and am of all men most miserable; but I do like the truth and believe that the Church of God is the only church that is declaring the whole council of God.

I want all the saints to pray for me; I realize the end is near. I am a reader of the Evangel and enjoy it very much.

H. W. Poteat.

Notice.

The State Assembly of West Virginia will convene at Cedar Grove, June 16-24. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. All ministers in the state are especially requested to attend.

Come and let us have a feast with the Lord.

W. M. Rumler.

Dahlonega, Ga.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I know that my Redeemer liveth. I was saved last November and on Christmas night the Lord gave me the Holy Ghost.

We have a good Sunday School here and preaching twice each week. The Lord certainly does bless us in the services.

We have had Brother Lemons with us to expound the Scriptures to us. I long for him to come back again.

Pray for me that I may be able to point people to the Lamb of God.

Your brother,
Emory Edmonson.

CAMP MEETINGS

WIMAUMA

At Wimauma, Fla., will begin May 31, 1917, and continue ten days or longer.

J. W. Pitcher, of Baltimore, Md., in charge.

There will be a restaurant on the camp ground, where those attending may get good meals at reasonable rates. Brother Brown, who will run it, has also promised to keep a line of groceries and supplies for the convenience of all, and perhaps fresh fish every two or three days.

We extend a hearty invitation to all. Come praying, and let us expect a feast of good things from the Lord. Come, and let us make this the best campmeeting we have ever held here.

Zeno C. Sharp, Clerk.

ALVA

The Campmeeting at Alva, Fla., will begin May 15, 1917, and continue ten days or longer as the Lord leads.

Brother E. B. Culpepper, of Lake Park, Ga., in charge.

Come praying for a good meeting and prepared to camp.

For further information address
J. A. Williams, Clerk.

Alva, Fla.

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